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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES August 27, 2014

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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday August 27, 2014. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

MARK J. CARANGELO	Present
CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
CHRISTINE GILL ROSE	Present

Also present were: Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff.

OPENING STATEMENT "Reading of the Sunshine Law" **A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT:**

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on September 27, 2013. A schedule of all 2014 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2014 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the bulletin at the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy Office.

Public Comments: Lori Keith, Government Relations Chair, for the New Jersey Chapter/AMTA appeared in support of the Board and to address the Board regarding the Association services and request to have past minutes placed on the Board's website.

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. July 23, 2014

A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Christine Gill Rose, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the July 23, 2014 board meeting as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. 2015 MEETINGS SCHEDULE

January 28, 2015
February 25, 2015
March 25, 2015
April 22, 2015
May 27, 2015
June 24, 2015
July 22, 2015
August 26, 2015
September 23, 2015
October 28, 2015
November (No Meeting)
December 2, 2015

A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Christine Gill Rose, the Board voted to accept the above meeting dates for 2015. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Township of Roxbury
RE: Business Registration

Ms. Katzenback wrote the Board to seek confirmation from the township of Roxbury regarding the State's requirements for massage therapy business registration. Their understanding was that all massage therapy businesses must register with the State.

The Board decided that a letter be sent by Laura Anderson, Executive Director, to Ms. Katzenback to advise in writing that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-6.1(a) an individual or entity that employs another person to engage in, or an individual or entity that employs another and advertises or holds itself out as providing, massage and bodywork therapies shall register with the Board and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-6.1(b) an individual or entity that employs another person to engage in, or an individual or entity that employs another person and advertises or holds itself out as providing, massage and bodywork services shall not be required to register with the Board if the individual or entity is:

- 1) A school approved by the New Jersey Department of Education, The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development or the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education; or**
- 2) A health care institution licensed by the Department of Health and Seniors Services.**

- B. Karen DiDomenico (Applicant ID# 1784485)
RE: Licensure by Education

Ms. DiDomenico applied for licensure by education. She attended Cumberland County College in October 2013. The Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy the ("Board"), has completed a new review to her correspondence and all transcripts received and determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-2.1 The Board will accept the college credit (3) class -HS 140 Legal and Ethical issues in healthcare equals 45 hours. In lieu of the 10 hours (missing clinical practice), the Board will accept evidence of volunteer massage therapy services provided for community benefit. Ms. DiDomenico wrote the Board on June 25, 2014 in compliance with the Boards request, in addition she enclosed

a letter with 4.5 additional hours of chair massages done at a community event at the Seabrook House.

The Board decided that a letter be sent to Ms. DiDomenico to ask if the 45 hours that she completed at Inspira Medical Center within the physical therapy department was part of the curriculum of her massage therapy training and to ask Ms. DiDomenico to provide evidence and/or documentation of 5.5 hours completed.

C. Susan Witney (License No. 18KT00031100)
RE: Online CEU's

Ms. Witney wrote the Board in regard to the regulation/law that a maximum of 6 CEU's is allowed to be taken online. She indicated that she would hope this year the Board would reconsider amending that regulation/law and allow more online credits to be accepted towards the CEU's for renewing the New Jersey massage therapy license. She states it is important to keep up with the times.

The Board considered this informational material.

D. Elizabeth Lindberg (Applicant ID# 1696762)
RE: Licensure by Current Practitioner

The Board reviewed a letter from Vincent Iuppo, Director, the Morris Institute of Natural Therapeutics in Denville, New Jersey. This letter confirms that Elizabeth Lindberg completed the required 200 hours of education. She also completed 192 hours of continuing education.

A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Christine Gill Rose, the Board voted to advise Ms. Lindberg in writing that the documentation and/or evidence she provided does not meet the requirements for current practitioner pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-2.5 Prior to August 30, 2013, a person may apply for license without satisfying the education or examination requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:37A-2.1 if the person has completed a minimum of 200 hours of education and training as required in (b) below and the person has:

1) Practiced full-time as a massage and bodywork therapist for at least two years prior to September 4, 2012; or

2) Practiced part-time as a massage and bodywork therapist for five years prior to September 4, 2012.

(B) The 200 hours of education and training required pursuant to (a) above shall consist of anatomy and physiology, theory and practice (in-class instruction as to massage and bodywork theory and modalities and in-class demonstration and practice of massage and bodywork modalities), and ethics, of which at least 150 hours shall be in theory and practice.

A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)
RE: Academy of Oriental Therapy, LLC

The Board received a letter from Debra Persinger, Ph.D, FSMTB Executive Director, stating that the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) has reached a settlement agreement with the Academy of Oriental Therapy, LLC resolving the litigation filed by FSMTB. The specific

terms of the agreement remain confidential.

The Board considered this informational material.

IV. ABANDONED APPLICATION

- A. Board Discussion
RE: Abandoned Letters (Application/Legal)

This matter was tabled.

V. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF LICENSURE (With Response)

- 1. Shuzhen Liu; Applicant ID# 1739417
Amended Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed June 2, 2014

Deputy Attorney General Joseph Donofrio counseled the Board on this matter. A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Christine Gill Rose, the Board voted to amend and/or modify the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure and deny Ms. Liu for two years based on the misrepresentation on her application and based upon her having entered guilty pleas to offenses that related adversely to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

At 11:15 A.M., the Board , upon a motion made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Christine Gill Rose, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Boards' regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the Executive Session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Christine Gill Rose, to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,
Executive Director